GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1888
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2000
ARREST OF RETIRED ARMY MAN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a retired Indian Army man was among the ISI agents arrested from Lucknow in September, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the nature of links of the arrested army man with the Army Head Quarters and the nature of the army secrets obtained by him for Pak`s ISI; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard? A N S W E R

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION 1888.FOR 30.11.2000

An ex-Army personnel who had been court-martialled and dismissed from the Army in 1995 was arrested alongwith two Nepalese nationals at Lucknow on 5.9.2000. The arrest was carried out by Intelligence Bureau (IB) and the U.P.Police while he was handing over classified defence documents to the two Nepalese. Subsequently, two more persons from whose possession classified defence documents were recovered were also arrested the same day by the U.P.Police.

2. During investigations, the names of three serving Army personnel have come to notice.

3. The five accused were arrested u/s 120 B, 121 A, 124 A IPC and Sections 3/9 of the Official Secrets Act. One accused was also charged u/s 25 A of the Arms Act.

4. The modus operandi employed by the accused have been disseminated to all concerned for corrective action.